THE DELAWARE AND HUDSON CANAL COMPANY'S GRAVITY RAILROAD by John V. Buberniak and S. Robert Powell (August 26, 1982, 7-9 P.M.)

On October 9, 1829, the Gravity Railroad, the second railroad constructed in the Western Hemisphere, became operational, and the first car load of coal was shipped from Carbondale to Honesdale. In 1847, the Gravity Railroad was extended to Archbald; in 1858 it was extended to Valley Junction (just south of Olyphant). In 1859, passenger service was instituted. On October 29, 1898, the D&H announced that the last train would travel the road on December 31, 1898. On January 3, 1899, several loads of coal that had accumulated along the line were run off and more than 4,600 coal cars were moved to convenient locations for disposal. On January 4, 1899, the fires of the stationary engines at the heads of the planes were shut down. In this illustrated lecture, John V. Buberniak and S. Robert Powell will present a history of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company's Gravity Railroad, with an emphasis on the early years.

CARBONDALE'S THREE CITY HALLS by S. Robert Powell (August 27, 1982, 2-4 P.M.)

The history of Carbondale's three city halls will be presented in this lecture by S. Robert Powell. City Hall I: erected in 1852, this wooden building, in the Greek Revival style, was destroyed in a fire on February 14, 1859. City Hall II: erected in 1859 on the site of City Hall I, this building is the two-story wing of present-day City Hall. City Hall III: designed by Truman I. Lacey and erected under his direction in 1892-1894 by W. D. Stevens of Binghamton and George H. Tryon of Carbondale; the dressed bluestone and trimmings for this building were supplied by Frank Carlucci of Scranton from his quarry at Nicholson.